

extent sovereign immunity is waived under the Tort Claims Act, as set forth in Article 31 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 4. G.S. 115C-276(s) reads as rewritten:

"(s) To Provide for Annual Evaluations and ~~Action-Mandatory Improvement~~ Plans. – The superintendent shall provide for the annual evaluation of all ~~certified-licensed~~ employees assigned to low-performing schools that did not receive an assistance team. The superintendent shall determine whether all principals and assistant principals who evaluate ~~certified-licensed~~ employees are trained in the proper administration of the employee evaluations and the development of appropriate ~~action-mandatory improvement~~ plans. The superintendent also shall arrange for principals and assistant principals who evaluate ~~certified-licensed~~ employees to receive the appropriate training."

SECTION 5. G.S. 115C-288 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-288. Powers and duties of principal.

...
(i) To Evaluate ~~Certified-Licensed~~ Employees and Develop ~~Action-Mandatory Improvement~~ Plans. – Each school year, the principal assigned to a low-performing school that has not received an assistance team shall provide for the evaluation of all ~~certified-licensed~~ employees assigned to the school. The principal also shall develop ~~action-mandatory improvement~~ plans as provided under G.S. 115C-333(b) and G.S. 115C-333.1(b) and shall monitor an employee's progress under an ~~action-a mandatory improvement~~ plan.
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SECTION 6. G.S. 115C-296 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-296. Board sets ~~certification-licensure~~ requirements; reports; lateral entry and mentor programs.

(a) The State Board of Education shall have entire control of ~~certifying-licensing~~ all applicants for teaching positions in all public elementary and high schools of North Carolina; and it shall prescribe the rules and regulations for the renewal and extension of all ~~certificates/licenses~~ and shall determine and fix the salary for each grade and type of ~~certificate/license~~ which it authorizes.

The State Board of Education may require an applicant for an initial bachelors degree certificate or graduate degree certificate to demonstrate the applicant's academic and professional preparation by achieving a prescribed minimum score on a standard examination appropriate and adequate for that purpose. The State Board of Education shall permit an applicant to fulfill any such testing requirement before or during the applicant's second year of teaching provided the applicant took the examination at least once during the first year of teaching. The State Board of Education shall make any required standard initial ~~certification-licensure~~ exam sufficiently rigorous and raise the prescribed minimum score as necessary to ensure that each applicant has adequate academic and professional preparation to teach.

...
(a2) The State Board of Education shall impose the following schedule of fees for teacher ~~certification-licensure~~ and administrative changes:

- (1) Application for demographic or administrative changes to a ~~certificate,license~~, \$30.00.
- (2) Application for a duplicate ~~certificate-license~~ or for copies of documents in the ~~certification-licensure~~ files, \$30.00.
- (3) Application for a renewal, extension, addition, upgrade, and variation to a ~~certificate,license~~, \$55.00.
- (4) Initial application for New, In-State Approved Program Graduate, \$55.00.
- (5) Initial application for Out-of-State ~~certificate,license~~, \$85.00.
- (6) All other applications, \$85.00.

The applicant must pay the fee at the time the application is submitted.